

against the wearer during use, said chassis being stretchable
10 about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

45. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
44 wherein said article is a diaper.

46. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
44 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable
multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment
pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.

47. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
46 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a
surface area, less than 95% of which is affixed to the inner
surface of the stretchable multilayer chassis.

48. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
46 wherein less than about 50% of the surface area of the outer
surface of the absorbent body is affixed to the inner surface
of the stretchable multilayer chassis.

49. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
46 wherein less than about 25% of the surface area of the outer
surface of the absorbent body is affixed to the inner surface
of the stretchable multilayer chassis.

50. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim
44 wherein the stretchable multilayer chassis comprises a
chassis liner and an outer cover, said chassis liner defining
the inner surface of said chassis and said outer cover defining
5 the outer surface of said chassis.

51. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

52. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

53. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

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54. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

55. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

56. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

57. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

58. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

59. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

60. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: microporous polymer films, nonwoven fabrics, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a
5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

61. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

62. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 61 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene, heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block elastomeric copolymers.

63. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 44 wherein the absorbent body comprises at least an absorbent core.

64. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent body further comprises at least one of a tissue wrapsheet and an absorbent body liner.

65. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material.

66. A disposable absorbent article having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having an inner surface and an outer surface, said chassis comprising:

a chassis liner defining the inner surface of the chassis and being stretchable at least laterally; and

an outer cover secured to the chassis liner and defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer

cover being stretchable at least laterally;

an absorbent body comprising:

an absorbent core;

a tissue wrapsheet wrapped about the absorbent core;

and

a surge management layer; and

an absorbent body liner secured at least in part to the chassis liner, said absorbent body being disposed between the absorbent body liner and the chassis liner with the surge management layer disposed between the tissue wrapsheet and the absorbent body liner.

67. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable

multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment pattern.

68. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body has an outer surface, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the chassis liner.

69. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 68 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area, less than 95% of which is affixed to chassis liner.

70. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 68 wherein less than about 50% of the surface area of the outer surface of the absorbent body is affixed to the chassis liner.

71. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 68 wherein less than about 25% of the surface area of the outer surface of the absorbent body is affixed to the chassis liner.

72. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

73. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

74. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

75. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

76. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

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77. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

78. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

79. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

80. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.